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Members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff file passed the casket of former President Gerald R. Ford following a memorial service at the U.S. Capitol Dec. 30.

Cheney lauds Ford's service during ceremony at U.S. Capitol Rotunda

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – With military members standing a solemn guard over the flag-draped casket in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, Vice President Richard B. Cheney yesterday evening eulogized former President Gerald R. Ford.

By his pardon of Richard M. Nixon, Ford prevented Americans from experiencing more political turmoil from Watergate, Cheney said in his eulogy to the fallen former chief executive.

"It was this man, Gerald R. Ford, who'd led our republic safely through a crisis that could have turned to catastrophe," Cheney said. "We will never know what

further unraveling, what greater malevolence, might have come in that time of furies turned loose and hearts turned cold."

America was spared further angst, Cheney said, through Ford's pardoning of Nixon, which occurred not long after Ford had become president in August 1974 after Nixon resigned.

Ford was president from 1974 to 1977.

Cheney had served as Ford's chief of staff. Former Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld performed his first stint as the Defense Department's top civilian in the Ford administration.

Ford was an astute and honest man who likely sacrificed his chance for election as president in his own right in order to bind

the nation's scars, Cheney said. Ford lost to Jimmy Carter during the 1976 presidential election.

"For all the grief that never came, for all the wounds that were never inflicted, the people of the United States will forever stand in debt to the good man and faithful servant we mourn tonight," Cheney said.

Senior military officers including Marine Gen. Peter Pace, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Vice Chairman Navy Adm. Edmund Giambastiani, and other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff listened to Cheney's eulogy and looked on as other servicemembers posted in and around the Rotunda stood guard around Ford's casket.

Members of the Navy Band's

Sea Chanters chorus sang hymns at the ceremony's opening.

Cheney also praised Betty Ford, the fallen president's widow and former first lady. It was obvious to friends, Cheney said, that Betty Ford was the source of her husband's happiness and sunny outlook.

"All the good that you shared, Betty, all the good that you did together has not gone away. All of that is forever," Cheney said.

Ford healed America during his time in the Oval Office, Cheney said, noting it was now the time to say goodbye to his former boss.

"And so, for now Mr. President, farewell. We will always be thankful for your good life," Cheney said.



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This week's ICE article kicks off 2007 with gratitude for those who are keeping up the good work. ICE continually receives positive comments about individuals and teams that contribute to realizing our mission.

Customer Comments:

I wanted to commend the **staff** that planned and implemented the Health Fair that was held on Dec. 7, 2006 at the Fitness Center. There was an excellent variety

of vendors on site to provide information on different aspects concerning one's health. I look forward to utilizing the Fitness Center in the future.

Officer Aguilar should be commended for professional conduct and very good work ethic. I was very focused on providing photos in support of a base situation. Officer Aguilar asked me whether permission to take photos had been secured ... I had neglected to gain approval. Even though it made a half hour effort longer it was the

right thing and ensured base security. He really kept the situation on track in a friendly effective way. Keep up the great work.

I would like to thank **Staff Sgt Skipper** and **2nd Lt. Thompson** for all of their help with the Defense Travel System. Both of these ladies, and their staff, went out of their way to help me with DTS issues. I am grateful to have both of them as a point of contact for DTS. Thank you.

Chaplain's Corner

What is the meaning of a name?

By Lt. Tavis Long
Base Chaplain

"Easy" Eddie was a lawyer in Chicago during the Roaring Twenties; and like the city, he was corrupt, deceitful, and scandalous. His most notorious client was the notorious, Alphonsus "Scarface" Capone. "Easy" Eddie was so tight with Capone that he ran the gangster's lucrative horse and dog tracks in Chicago. It was "Easy" Eddie who helped Capone protect his crime organization that pulled in some \$100 million per year. In turn, Capone made sure "Easy" Eddie's family was provided for. Capone gave them a fenced in mansion that spanned an entire Chicago city block. But, something changed in "Easy" Eddie. Some say it was because he started to see Capone's demise and wanted to distance himself from it. But, in a 1947 *Collier Magazine* article, Frank J. Wilson, the lead investigator for the Treasury Department, wrote that "Easy" Eddie wanted to separate himself from Capone and work as an informant because he wanted to be sure to leave a good family name for his son's future. Sure enough, "Easy" Eddie began to work as an undercover informant for the Internal Revenue Service and eventually "ratted" out Capone's tax fraud viola-

tions. Everyone who knew what "Easy" Eddie had done was sure to remind the lawyer that he would never survive this betrayal. Capone was a mastermind in exterminating his rivals and "Easy" Eddie would certainly reap the consequences of crossing "The Boss." But, in 1931, Al Capone was convicted of tax evasion and sent to prison for 10 years. Sadly, "Easy" Eddie never salvaged the family name. What he had done with Capone has been written down and he is still associated with the mobster. Furthermore, on a lonely street in Chicago, less than a year from giving his testimony, "Easy" Eddie was gunned down in a shower of machine gun fire. He wanted to give his son a good name and it cost him everything.

Years later, on Feb. 20, 1942, Navy Lieutenant Commander Edward Henry "Butch" O'Hare had just taken off from the USS Lexington in the Pacific Ocean when he noticed that his tank had not been filled properly. Realizing he would not have enough fuel to accomplish the mission and return to the carrier he was ordered by the flight leader



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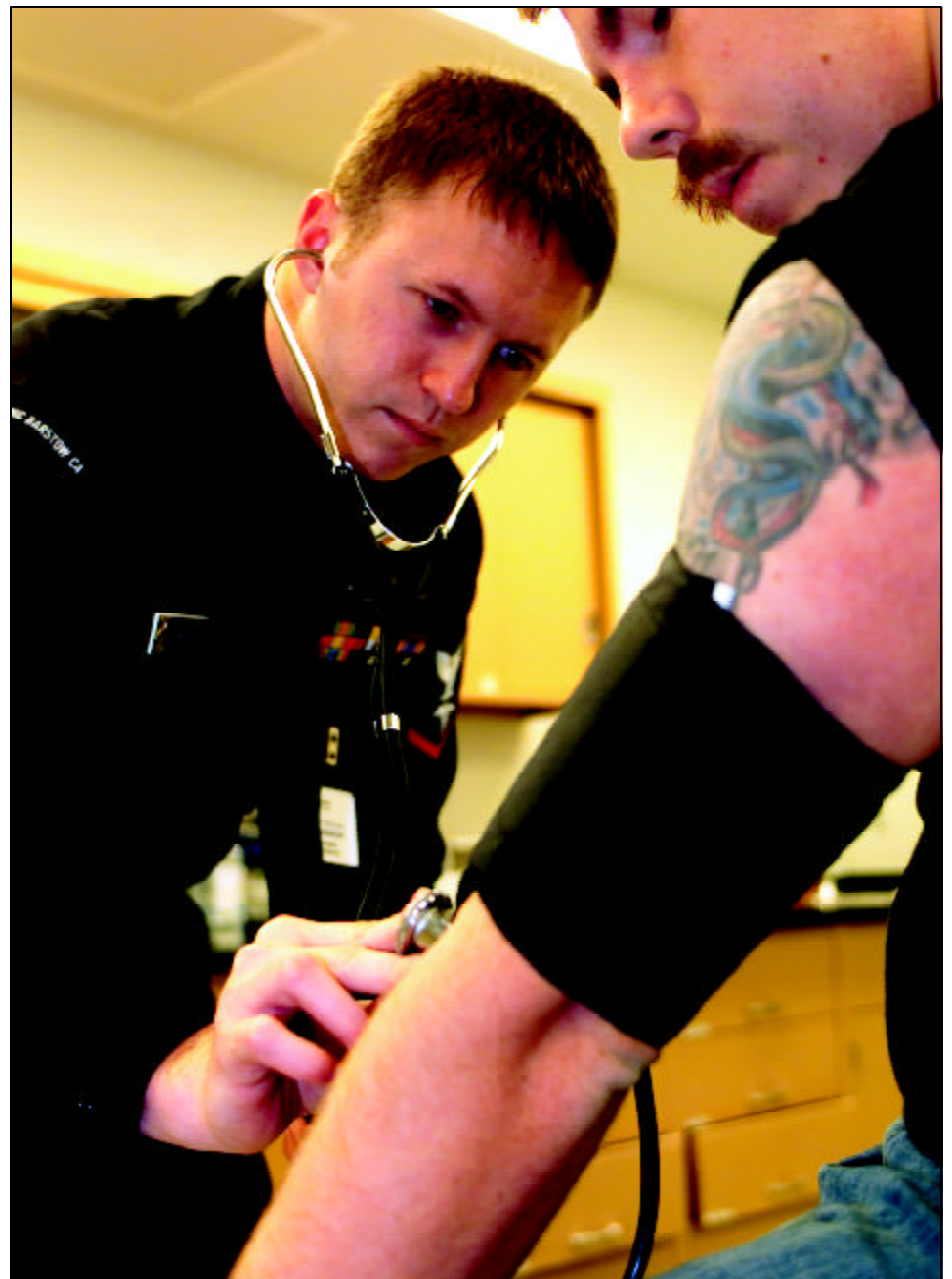


Photo by Lance Cpl. Josh Carmona

Hospitalman 3rd Class Michael Johnson, corpsman, Branch Medical Clinic, checks the blood pressure of a patient. Johnson has served four months as a member of the clinic and spends his time mountain biking in Barstow and Las Vegas.

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News Briefs

Bulletin Boards

As directed by Col. Enzor, it is required that all offices around base remove outdated policies and replace them with the updated Commanders Intent, CO's Equal Opportunity Policy and the CO's Safety Policy.

Copies of the policies can be found on the MCLB online Web site.

For more information contact Colleen Kamiyama, CO's secretary at 577-6555.

Traffic Court

There will be no 1408 Traffic Court (pink tickets) for December. If you have a pink ticket, please try to take care of it by calling the Traffic Clerk at 577-6204 or come by the office at Building 236, east end, and ask for Bonnie. All cases set for Dec. 14 will be heard Jan. 12, 2007.

Leave Sharing Program

Melissa Tulacro, Badge 9635, Maintenance Center, Jay Hunsaker, Badge 5365, Maintenance Center, Barbara J. Chelsea, Marine Corps Community Services Department and Danielle Heinze, Administration and Support Department, have been affected by medical emergencies.

Anyone desiring to donate leave under the Leave Sharing Program may obtain a leave donor application through their department administrative office.

To donate or for more information, contact Johnnie Curtis 577-6734, Ramona Mendez 577-6396, Kelly Woodford 577-6638 or Margo Padilla at 577-7138.

Community-Military Mixer Scheduled

The 16th annual Community-Military Mixer will be held at the Veterans Home of California Barstow, 100 East Veterans Parkway, Barstow at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 6, 2007.

This is an opportunity for

military and civilian personnel from the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, community leaders and residents of the High Desert to meet, make new friends and strengthen relationships in a friendly social setting.

Advance tickets for civilians, military E-6 and above are \$15. Cost for military personnel E-1 through E-5 is \$10. Tickets at the door are \$17 except for "will calls."

Tickets include access to a buffet and utilization of the no host bar.

Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, 681 N. 1st Ave. (Harvey House) Barstow, Veterans Home of California-Barstow, the NTC/Fort Irwin Public Affairs Office in Bldg. 983, and the MCLB Barstow Public Affairs Office in Bldg. 204. Advance tickets need to be purchased by Jan. 30.

For more information or to purchase advance or "will call" tickets contact the Barstow Chamber of Commerce at 760-256-8617.

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation is looking for students who qualify for Academic Year 2007-2008 to receive a scholarship from \$500 to \$10,000 annually.

To qualify, you must be a son or daughter of a Marine on active duty, in the reserves, retired or deceased.

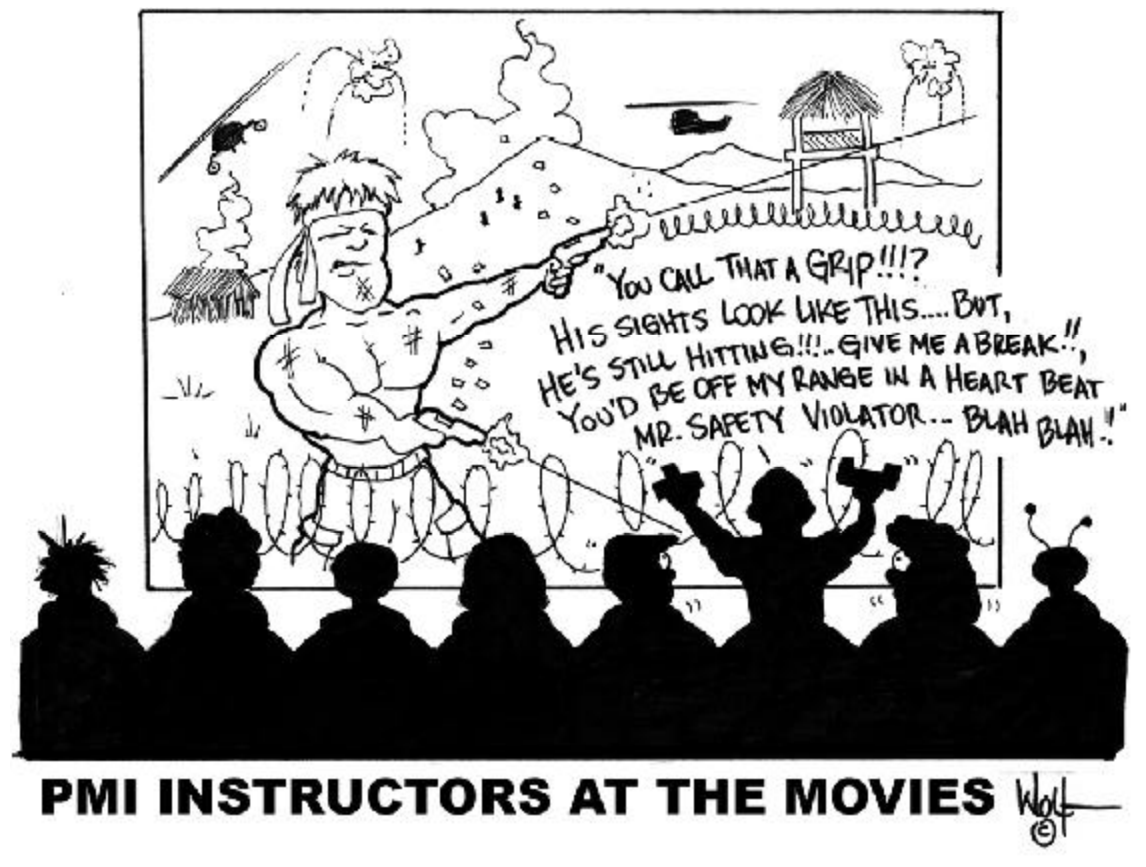
The son or daughter of a Marine or Marine Reservist who has received an honorable discharge, medical discharge, or who was killed while in the service of our country.

Or the son or daughter of an active duty, reserve, or former US Navy Corpsman who is serving or has served with the Marine Corps.

You must be a senior in high school, a high school graduate, currently enrolled as an under-

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graduate in an accredited college or university or currently enrolled in a post high school accredited vocational/technical school.

The income of your family must have been less than \$65,000 for the year 2006.

To obtain an application form, visit www.mcsf.org.

The deadline for high school seniors is March 1.

Motorcycle Riders Course

The class dates for the 2007 Basic Motorcycle Riders Course are January 26-28 and February 23-25.

For more information on training requirements and class availability contact Cedric Baker at the Base Safety Office at 577-6002.

Barred

Effective Nov. 6, 2006, American Amicable Group and its subsidiary companies are barred from conducting solicitation activities on DoD installations worldwide.

This barring is to include American Amicable Life Insurance Company of Texas, Pio-

neer American Life Insurance Company and Pioneer Securities Life Insurance Company, and is to last for a period of five years beginning on July 28, 2006.

It is requested that all military officials take such actions as necessary to implement this decision within their respective military departments, defense agencies and field activities without delay.

New USOs

The USO at the LA/Ontario International Airport Ontario, Calif. is now open and operational seven days a week.

The hours are Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and holidays 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. all year round.

The USO is located in the old Terminal One, building F, near remote parking at the Airport.

For any questions or concerns contact the USO at 909-390-4274.

In addition, a USO is going to be opening at Palm Springs Airport Palm Springs, Calif. at

the end of January.

For more information about the Palm Springs USO call 760-799-9837.

Many Thanks

Thank you to all for your prayers and well wishes following my accident in September.

A special and heartfelt thanks to those who donated leave. I wish I knew who you are so I could thank you personally. Again, thanks to all.

- Cheryle R. Magorno

Ice On Streets

Be aware that freezing morning temperatures may cause ice to form on flat surfaces.

Editor's Note

"News Briefs" are designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Any submissions to be used in the paper should be received Fridays by noon for the following week's issue. Submit briefs via e-mail to BSTW_PAOLIST@usmc.mil.

Marines positively influence community in 2006

By Cpl. Nich R. Babb
Combat Correspondent

Whether it was hosting events, helping in science fairs, collecting toys or cleaning up the environment, Marines participated in many activities throughout 2006 that furthered their good standing within the community.

Starting in February, Marines in conjunction with Fire and Emergency Services Division personnel went to Barstow Junior High School to participate in a career expo for the children. At the expo, Marines let students investigate vehicles and talked with them about what it was like to be a Marine.

Marines and civilian Marines then stormed the Barstow Community College gymnasium to judge science projects made by students

who were attending schools in and around the Barstow area.

The science fair was hosted by the Barstow Unified School District, and required judges to grade students' presentations to see who qualified to go on to the regional competition.



Photo by Rob Jackson

The 19th annual Barstow Rodeo Stampede was held Sept. 30 and was attended by an estimated 5,000 people from the local Barstow Community.

Around the same time of the fair, Sorensen Field again was the location for MCLB's annual hosting of the Battle Color Ceremony, where the "Commandant's Own," Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps, Silent Drill Platoon and Marine Corps Color Guard performed.

The event was held during an unseasonably cold

evening, but that didn't stop patrons from coming out to attend the show. During the

event, the drum and bugle corps performed their Music in Motion show, followed by the Silent Drill Platoon's performance of precision drill movements and a silent rifle inspection.

Towards the end of that month, single Marines went out to Silver Valley Elementary School to help out with the Jump Rope for Life benefit. Marines were able to wow the children with their impressive jump roping skills and stamina.

Then to kick the summer vacation off for students at Crestline Elementary School, Marines volunteered to hold bag races, play clapping games and be drenched with water at the school's annual field meet in June.

To add to the festivities, a military working dog team from the base's K-9 unit put on a criminal catching demonstration for the children.

After the summer, when the days became shorter and the nights longer, the base stables hosted the annual Barstow Rodeo Stampede where eager attendees came to watch cowboys rope cattle and get bucked off of broncos.

The 19th annual stampede recognized

the 2005 Barstow Rodeo Queens and then showcased the talents of members of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association. There were an estimated 5,000 people in attendance to witness the competition both nights.

Finally, to wrap up the year, Marines and base personnel made sure to collect toys for the Marine Reserve's annual Toys For Tots campaign during November and into December.

Base personnel worked to collect toys and spread awareness of the cause throughout the community. Marines then helped out with the Toys For Tots Telethon by building the set and answering phones during the event.

Altogether, the efforts of the personnel raised about \$15,000 in toys for the campaign.

As one can see, 2006 was very community-oriented for the Marines and civilian employees who work on base. Whether it was hosting events for the community or participating in events in Barstow and the surrounding areas, MCLB made sure to stay busy during 2006.

From a new commander to newly trained martial artists: Headquarters Battalion of 2006

By Cpl. Quentin Grogan
Combat Correspondent

Throughout 2006, MCLB Barstow's Headquarters Battalion went through many changes and upgrades.

The battalion switched hands on June 1, as out-going commanding officer Maj. James Boerighter turned over the battalion to Maj. Regina Gustavsson.

Boerighter moved on to Camp Lejeune to serve as the assistant supply officer for the 2nd Marine Division.

At the beginning of the year, the battalion sent a Marine, Sgt. Thomas Soto, to the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program Instructor Trainer course where he graduated and earned his red instructor trainer stripe. Upon returning

to base, Soto put together an instructor course, the first of two for the year. This course was the first ever held on base since the beginning of the program.

As a result, five new MCMAP instructors took to the base to train their fellow Marines.

A second instructor course was held in December when even more Marines graduated with the new instructor stripe around their MCMAP belts.

As they have in years past, Marines and Sailors participated in the 40-mile relay race from National Training Center Ft. Irwin to the Barstow Veterans Home.

The Marines and Sailors finished third with a total time of 5 hours, 6 minutes and 11 seconds. There were a total of eight teams in the race.

During the year, the Single Marine Program faced many challenges, but managed to overcome them and provide events for the single Marines to participate in.

To help strengthen camaraderie and unit cohesion, the program sponsored trips to Sea World, Universal Studios, the set of the Last Comic Standing and Rainbow Basin. Not only did the Marines take trips

to help themselves, but they also took time to reach out to others.

Members of the SMP headed

up to the Veterans Home of California-Barstow to help the veterans with their pool game. Marines got a chance to interact with those who served in the

for the Golden Age Games held in Virginia, so the Marines offered them practice matches to help "dust off" the veterans' game.

For MCLB Barstow Marines, 2006 was a successful year. The battalion received a new commanding officer and a new executive officer, the SMP was able to boost morale and members of the battalion took it upon themselves to become a more ef-



Photo by Cpl. Quentin Grogan

MCMAP instructor trainer Sgt. Thomas Soto performs a ground fighting technique on fellow MCMAP instructor Sgt. Jose Santos.

armed forces during previous conflicts in the country's history. The veterans were preparing

efficient fighting force by mastering the art hand-to-hand combat.

MCCS makes 2006 an eventful year for MCLB

By Cpl. Nich R. Babb
Combat Correspondent

The Marine Corps Community Services Department created many new opportunities and held many events for base personnel in 2006.

Whether it was new equipment provided by the Semper Fit Division or hosting a Fall Family Festival for everyone, MCCS made sure that the base community had something to do.

The Semper Fit Division made many changes starting with the acquisition of new equipment for patrons. With the new equipment, the base gym began hosting aerobics classes, spin classes and even boxing classes.

Towards the end of the year, the base gym had a makeover that gave it some new plasma televisions, and a new floor for the racquetball courts, basketball court and the aerobics room.

The Lanzer's Lounge on the Yermo Annex went through some changes as well, which resulted in being recognized by the Headquarters Marine Corps MCCS Food

and Hospitality Branch.

The restaurant was awarded the food and hospitality excellence award, and the award recognized the restaurant for its ex-

cellence in service and efficiency.

Not to be out done, the Post Exchange was awarded the Spirit and Pride Award for the third consecutive year from MCCS

Headquarters.

Then, when fall finally came around, a Fall Family Festival was held for base personnel and their families. The festival featured lots of games and activities, with the band the Boogiemens providing entertainment for those in attendance.

MCCS then held a Halloween Haunt for base personnel.

At the haunt, people were encouraged to put on a costume and enjoy food and ghou-

ish fun at the Oasis Club.

Following the haunt, the Oasis Club held the 2nd Annual Retiree Open House in November.

The event was open to retired service members to come to the club and learn about different base services available to them.

The retirees were also given a guided tour of the base to know where all of the facilities were located.

Lastly, to wrap up the year, MCCS held a Health Fair to promote health and wellness among base personnel.

The fair had tables set up for people to take advantage of a free massage, chiropractic evaluation, blood pressure screening and fitness professionals who disseminated information about health. The fair also had a push-up contest, which had participants do as many push-ups as possible in a two minute period, after which, winners were given medals.

It was because of MCCS that 2006 had events for base personnel to take advantage of and actively participate in throughout the entire year.



Photo by Rob Jackson

MCCS held a Halloween Haunt for the residents of MCLB Barstow on Oct. 26. During the haunt, there was a costume contest for the children in which the best Halloween costumes were chosen.

Fleet Support Division leading the charge in 2006

By Lance Cpl. Josh Carmona
Combat Correspondent

The end of the year 2006 brought achievement for Fleet Support Division. FSD keeps the Marine Corps supplied and Maintenance Center Barstow

moving. The year 2006 brought new vehicles, new buildings and new Marines to represent Marine Corps Logistics Command.

The new FSD environmentally friendly processing station prepares vehicles to be stored or sent to another unit by draining oil out of the engines.

The drainage process in the past had taken a long time and had potential harm for the environment, but the new process prevents accidents by simplifying the procedure of oil drainage.

Buildings

weren't the only new thing to pass through the tracks at FSD.

The M1152 High Mobility Multi-Wheeled Vehicle is stronger, better and faster than its predecessors. The new model was specifically built to deal with the conditions of today's war.

The year 2006 also saw the debut of the Marine Corps Interim Attack Vehicle modified from the Mercedes-Benz Gelendewagon, or G-Wagon. The Marine Corps bought 62 and FSD stored 18 to be reissued to other units. The G-Wagon replaced the M-151 Multi Utility Tactical Truck which had been used since the 50's.

FSD isn't all work and no play though; Marines from FSD took time in mid-November to



Photo by Rob Jackson

New M1152 HMMWVs arrived at FSD straight from the factory as additional stock items and have not been fielded yet.

go to Knottsbury Farms Amusement Park to establish esprit de corps, build camaraderie between Marines and boost morale.

FSD also had the honor of representing Marine Corps Logistics Command with

LOGCOM Marine of the Quarter and Year, Lance Cpl. Robert Courcier.

Whether it was new vehicles, new buildings, or just strengthening core values, 2006 has set a high standard for FSD.



Photo by Cpl. Jeremy Gadrow

In a lot at Fleet Support Division, 18 Mercedes-Benz "G-Wagon" 290 Interim Fast Attack Vehicles sit idle after the unit that was using the vehicles was disbanded. The vehicles have been at FSD since May of 2006 and will remain in place until requested.

Base welcomes new commanding officer in 2006, protects employees, and welcomes new police unit

By Cpl. Quentin Grogan
Combat Correspondent

In 2006, change of commands were a trend; the base command was no different. Just like Headquarters Battalion and the Maintenance Center, MCLB also officially welcomed Col. Kenneth Enzor in June, who took over for Col. Steven Thompson as the new base commander.

Another transition for the base in the past year was in the form of military to civilian conversions.

MCLB Barstow became the first Marine Corps Base to transition from military police to Department of Defense civilian police.

As the new police force took over, Marines who were guarding the gates and patrolling the roads wearing the military police badge received orders to the operational forces of the Marine Corps.

With the new civilian police came a new police chief and former Marine, Charles Chase.

He took on the responsibility of "building a police department" and the task of recruiting more police officers.

Another first for the base was the Voluntary Protection Program, the first base in the Marine Corps to have such a program. The base officially announced the beginning of the program on March 29. In an effort to create a safer working environment for all employees and to promote health, it was decided the VPP would be the way to go for the base. The VPP gives the responsibility of safety in the workplace to the employees.

Shortly after launching the VPP, on April 4, the base was presented the 2005 Gen. James L. Jones safety award by the Secretary of the Navy Donald Winter after being chosen by a special awards board that decided the base was above all others in making safety paramount.

In September, the base turned its attention to veterans of previous wars and who were at one time prisoners of war and those

still missing in action.

A luncheon was held for those veterans to recognize them for the sacrifice they made for their country. Overall, there were five veteran prisoners of war that were recognized during the luncheon.

One of the most unique parts of the base, the Mounted Color Guard, welcomed new horses to their ranks.

For the only Mounted Color Guard in the Marine Corps and a trademark of the base, it was time to enlist new horses, as the "veterans" are getting old and have served the Marine Corps for a long time. Out of 200 horses, three were selected to be brought back to base from Black Rock Desert in Nevada to serve in the color guard.

Throughout the year, the base welcomed a new commander and also the first civilian police force in the Marine Corps, at the same time, the base achieved and heightened many standards and look to continue the same in the coming year.



Photo courtesy <http://www.navyleague.org>

Ray Aguilar and Gunnery Sgt. Michael Parker, base safety specialists, accept the 2005 Gen. James L. Jones Safety Award from Secretary of the Navy Donald Winter on April 4. MCLB was acknowledged for making a safer working environment for base employees.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Sgt. Maj. Richard Rush, sergeant major, MCLB Barstow, walks with the base colors to the outgoing commanding officer, Col. Steven J. Thompson, and the incoming CO, Col. Kenneth D. Enzor, for the passing on of the colors from outgoing to incoming CO. This tradition of handing over the colors took place during the change of command ceremony July 2006.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Employees of the Fire and Emergency Services Division display their exuberance outside of the Nebo Annex Fire Station after being named the Marine Corps' Fire Department of the Year.



Photo by Cpl. Jeremy Gadrow

Col. Scott A. Dalke, new commander of the Maintenance Center, addresses the Marines and employees of MCB during the change of command ceremony held Sept. 27.

Maintenance Center Barstow sets the standard in 2006

By **Lance Cpl. Josh Carmona**
Combat Correspondent

Marines fight and mechanics repair, in the wheel of time, the Marine story has been the same throughout every war.

Marines work hard and play hard and when their equipment breaks; Maintenance Center Barstow is there to restore and re-vamp their gear better than before. From repairing small arms weaponry to Light Armored Vehicles, MCB has been above reproach this year.

The change of command

ushered in a new age of excellence for MCB and its employees.

Col. Arthur H. Sass gave the reigns of the maintenance center to Col. Scott A. Dalke in October.

Another feature of this year has been cake, cake and more cake.

The change of command was followed by the Marine Corps Birthday the next month.

The start of 2006 brought along with it, the completion of the new paint and coatings facility known as the Super Blast Facility.

The Super Blast Facility cost taxpayers \$4.5 million and was completed nine months ahead of schedule.

The facility is the fifth blast facility on base. Other facilities include north and south blast, plastic blast, baby blast and "The dungeon".

The dungeon was built in the 90's and was intended to be a plastic blast facility.

The dungeon earned its' name from the many features it lacked. A lack of lighting, dingy atmosphere and low air-flow made the facility hard to work in.

But the maintenance

center doesn't just work on Marine vehicles.

The Army used the maintenance center to repair their M198 Towed Howitzer.

The Howitzers are air transportable; they have high reliability and have greatly increased the effective range of towed weaponry.

Who can forget the Annual Picnic and Car show?

For the car show, fun, friends and cars relieved stress and piqued the imaginations of car enthusiasts on base.

As for the picnic, it was rained out, but a little Barstow rain couldn't dampen MCB's spirits.

Like a book, another chapter of MCB's illustrious history comes to a close with another job well-done.

As the sun sets in California and employees head home to their families, Marines in the Iraqi desert continue to fight for freedom.

As long as they fight, the maintenance center will be there continuing the familiar cycle of fighting and repairing, until there is peace.

Gunny's Picks

Wildcard Weekend

Happy New Year and welcome back to the final weeks of the Gunny's Picks. Now we know everyone was anxiously awaiting the results of weeks 15, 16 and 17 so here they are. In Week 15 there was a tie between Rick Wiley of Installation and Logistics, and Nancy Johnson, computer specialist at Communications Division. Both finished at 13 – 2. The Seattle/San Francisco game was not counted because not enough people had put that game down for their picks. Wiley won outright in Week 16 posting an 11- 5 record and for Week 17 (drum roll please), the win goes to Tony Mesa, who after 16 weeks of getting close, finally pulled of a win at 11-5. The first weekend of the playoffs starts this weekend and in order to have a chance at winning the Gunny's Picks you must tell us the total score from each of the games. Here are the teams that will be going head-to-head during Wildcard Weekend. Good luck with your picks.



Nancy Johnson



Rick Wiley



Tony Mesa

Saturday

Kansas City @ Indianapolis _____
Dallas @ Seattle _____

Sunday

N.Y. Jets @ New England _____
N.Y. Giants @ Philadelphia _____

Submit entries online to robert.l.jackson@usmc.mil, or drop them off at the Public Affairs Office, located in building 204.

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to return to the Lexington. Reluctantly, O'Hare made his way back. Upon his return, though, he spotted nine Japanese twin-engine bombers headed right for the aircraft carrier. Within seconds, O'Hare had positioned himself to face the squadron and with 50 caliber wing-mounted guns blazing he flew directly towards the formation. O'Hare had surprised them and with that advantage was able to shoot down five of the planes. However, he had run out of ammunition. Not wanting to give up, he pointed his plane towards a sixth bomber and intended to take it out of the air by colliding with it. He nipped its wing and sent his spiraling downward. The rest of the squadron, now confused, changed directions. Not one bomb touched an American ship in that attack. Because of his bravery and heroic actions, O'Hare became the Navy's first ace of World War II and the first naval aviator to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. A year later, O'Hare was shot down and at just 29 years of age, killed in action. However, before he gave his life, he had left a legacy. His name was one that brought pride to everyone who heard it. His hometown would not let his legacy go unheralded; and so, today O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named for this great aviator. If you ever have a chance, stop between

terminals one and two in the airport and see his memorial, his statue, and the Medal of Honor displayed.

So, these are two stories of two Chicagoans. But, here is the clincher—Lt. Cmdr. Edward Henry “Butch” O’Hare was the son of “Easy” Eddie O’Hare.

Have you considered the legacy you are leaving? What do people equate with your name? The Bible says in Proverbs 22:1, “A GOOD name is rather to be chosen than great riches.” Some names have certain connotations. For example, if you hear the name George Washington, or Mother Theresa, or the Apostle Paul, you probably have a positive image. While names like Benedict Arnold, Judas, or Jezebel bring a negative picture to mind. Your name will always be associated with something. Be sure to associate it with good things—things that glorify God. Remember, if we call ourselves Christians, then we are associating ourselves with the name of Jesus Christ and it will be “at the name of Jesus, [that] every knee would bow” (Proverbs 2:10). Now that is a name that brings people to their knees! Let me encourage you to evaluate your name; is it one that is good? If not, it can be. It can be by simply taking the name of the Savior of the Universe—Jesus Christ. That is truly a name that is greater than all the riches of the world.



Texas Hold' Em Poker

The Oasis Club will be hosting a Texas Hold' Em Poker Tournament Jan. 26, beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Buy in is \$20, with sign ups available at the Family Restaurant, Oasis Club, Temporary Lodging Facility and Lanzer's Lounge.

All MCLB Patrons and their guests over the age of 21 are invited to attend.

For more information or if you have any questions please contact 577-6372.

Super Bowl XLI

On Feb. 4 the Oasis Club will be hosting a Super Bowl XLI event starting at 2 p.m. There will be an all you can eat buffet for \$5, drink specials, prizes and games.

For more information contact 577-5893.

Valentine Dinner Dance

The Oasis Club will be hosting a Valentine Dinner Dance on Feb. 14 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Cost is \$40 per couple, which includes

choice of prime rib or chicken dinner and a bottle of champagne. There will be a live band there to provide some great music for dancing.

The Child Development Center will also be providing child care to all current CDC patrons at no charge. Lots of extras, flowers, candy and a chance to win a weekend trip for two. Space will be limited to 50 couples, so reserve your tickets now.

To reserve tickets or for more information, call 577-5893.

Holiday Weekend Brunch

Congratulations to our final winner for 2006, Angela Davies, winner of a \$250 MCCS Gift Certificate Dec. 24, at the Oasis Club Sunday Brunch.

Stop by the Oasis Club each Saturday and Sunday to enjoy weekend brunch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information regarding the Oasis Club, or to schedule an event, please call 577-6432.

Family Dining

Remember Thursday Family Dining Night has moved to the Oasis Club.

Featuring a variety of specialty menu items throughout the month, such as Viva La Italia, South of the Border Night, October-Fest with authentic Corn Beef and

Cabbage, Mongolian Barbeque and so much more. Make Family Dining Night a traditional night out, and let us do the dishes.

For more information, contact the Oasis Club at 577-6432.

LUNCH MENU

Family Restaurant

Today - Baked potato and salad bar and a roll. Plus any fountain drink.

Friday - Fish of the Day, rice pilaf, vegetables and a roll.

Monday - Spaghetti and meat sauce, small tossed salad, garlic bread.

Tuesday - Pastrami sandwich on rye or sourdough bread, regular or seasoned fries, and a bowl of soup. Plus any fountain drink.

Wednesday - Breaded pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables and a roll. Plus any fountain drink.

Salads & Sub Sandwiches - A variety of pre-made daily items are available in the front display refrigerator.

Lanzer's Lounge

Today - Chicken breast and potato salad.

Friday - Catfish sandwich and coleslaw.

Monday - Salisbury steak.

Tuesday - Beef meat loaf

Wednesday - Pork super ribs and coleslaw.